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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Malaya CHATTERJEE et al.

Serial No.: 09/293,533

Filing Date: April 15, 1999

For: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY 1A7 AND
USE FOR THE TREATMENT OF
MELANOMA AND SMALL CELL
CARCINOMA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with the Continuing Prosecution Application for the above-referenced patent application. This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 26, 2001, for which a response was due on October 26, 2001 and for which a three-month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response to January 26, 2002. Before examination, please consider the remarks herein.